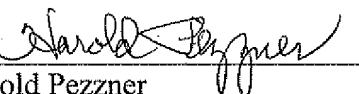


REMARKS

This amendment adds Claim 27 which is dependent on Claim 11. The basis for adding this claim is the comment by Examiner Kosack in the Advisory Action of July 16, 2009, that the claims are not drawn to a zero valent nickel bidentate phosphorus complex. Such feature is now in newly added dependent Claim 27.

Claims 11-27 are now pending. Parent Claim 11 relates to a process for preparing adiponitrile and methylglutaronitrile characterized by process steps (a) through (h). Such process is not found in the prior art. Accordingly, Claims 11-27 should be allowed.

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